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In Re Application of:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1.	In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached: 4 Pg Response to Final Office Action; VA&S Transmittal Letter; Return Post Card
2.	With respect to fees:

No additional fee is required.

Attached is check(s) in the amount for \$

Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

CONDITIONAL PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

3. This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Box Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington D.C. 20231, on July 15, 1999.

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